Provisions for importing bulk drugs

1655. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2022 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it was obligatory for importers of bulk drugs to get approval from Government under provision 6 of DPCO 1979 before selling the bulk drugs;

(b) if so, what steps his Ministry took against those who contravened this provision;

(c) what is the name of the authority who monitors the implementation of provisions of Drug Prices Control Order; and

(d) what steps have been taken to fix responsibility against those involved?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) DPCO 1979 had such a provision. However, no specific case of contravention came to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) With a view to secure compliance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987 power of entry, search and seizure has been given under para 23 of DPCO to any Gazetted Officer of the Central Government or of a State Government authorised by a general or special order by the Central Government or, as the case may be, by the State Government in this behalf.

Staff in the CGHS Dispensaries

1656. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2545 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th August, 1989 and to state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the augmentation of staff in the Indian system of Medicine and Homoeopathy units/dispensaries of CGHS; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) The question of augmentation of staff in I.S.M. and Homoeopathy units is still under consideration.

Expansion of Air Services

1657. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of national airports in the country;

(b) whether Government propose to link new places with air service in the coming years;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether any steps are proposed to be taken to make air service more efficient and convenient and to remove the difficulties of the passenger going abroad; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Apart from four international airports at Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras controlled by the International Airports Authority of India, there are 87 civil airports and 28 civil enclaves in the country, which are controlled by the National Airports Authority.

(b) and (c) Due to shortage of aircraft capacity, there are no plans to link new places with air service in the near future.

(d) and (e) Several steps have been taken by the organisations of the Civil Aviation sector to improve convenience of passengers and making air services more efficient. Some of these steps are:

— Time permitting, serving of snacks, refreshments, etc. to the passengers at the airports or nearby hotels.

— In case of delays of more than one hour, passengers are given an option to take full refunds on their tickets without levy of any cancellation charges.

— Reimbursement of conveyance expenditure to residence/hotel and back.

— Free facility for sending messages.

— Priority of seats on alternate flights, if available.

— Re-routing via longer sectors and upgradation to higher classes, whenever necessary, without levy of additional fares.

— Alternate Surface transport arrangements to destinations, if so desired by the passengers,

— In case serious snags occur, which are likely to result in cancellations or inordinate delays, the Chief Engineering Managers of the base stations are required to personally inspect the aircraft and in case the rectifications are likely to result in delays or cancellations, then information is passed on immediately to the en-route stations.

— The Regional Managers are holding daily meetings with the operational heads to discuss snags.

— Reviews are also conducted at headquarters.

— Provision of correct information to passengers through the media and other means.

— Increase in the number of telephones and auto-answering machiines.

— Installation of HF-SSB sets at more stations to communicate flight information between stations promptly.

— Dissemination of information through tele-text at Delhi.

— Provision of more Customer Services Units.

— Provision of meals and stay at hotels in case of delays of longer duration.

— Designating officers for supervision at different locations and providing assistance in the matter of refunds, taxi vouchers, hotel accommodation, retrieval of baggage, etc.

— Provision of extra cushion between flights.

— More time for maintenance of aircraft.

— Review of action taken for rectifications of snags at regions as well as at headquarters.

In regard to services operated by Air India on international sectors more non-stop services have been introduced and Air India has revised its flight scheduled to provide maximum convenience to passengers in terms of departure and arrival timing, flight routing, etc. Computerised passenger reservation facilities are being introduced at more stations where such a facility is not available.

पेट्रो रसायन-परियोजनाएं

1658. श्री सोज़ी इर्शादबेग: क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में सरकारी क्षेत्र और संयुक्त क्षेत्र में क्रमश: कितने पेट्रो-रसायन काम्प्लेक्स हैं ;

(ख) सरकार की इन एककों का विस्तार करने और उन्हें मजबूत बनाने की क्या योजनायें हैं; और